



Middlebury Church of the Brethren August 4, 2019

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

*Forbearance:

Forbearance is a Biblical concept.

The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)

Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.

Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.

GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

Children under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Keri Anderson, Jill Weaver,
Sharon Lemmon, Beth Muhnickerl

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Book study.....Room #105 with Dana Snider

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Right Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741

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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.

FUTURE SECURITIES

August 4, 2019

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds* Lorie Copeland

Welcome and Announcements Lorie Copeland

Opening Prayer Lorie Copeland

*Praise music *Som'landela (We Will Follow)* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship – **Responsive** *from Psalm 107:1-9*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble...

Some wandered in desert wastes; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way...

Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! His steadfast love endures forever!**

*Hymn *As The Deer Pants For The Water* Insert

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please keep your request brief and respect the privacy of others by avoiding personal details; always ask permission of the recipient before asking for prayer for him/her or their situation.

You are invited to leave your church offering on the table as you leave the worship space.

Offering Prayer – WL

God of abundant blessing! For far too long we have relied on our possessions, as if they could guarantee the security of life and our future. We have watched the rise and fall of markets and economies as if they held the key to our joy. We, too, have built bigger barns to store our accumulation of things as if lasting happiness could be found in a new gadget, a larger screen, or a few furnishing. We know you love us even in such foolishness. We give our gifts this day as a declaration that the only place our trust is well invested in in you! Use these gifts for your ends, that all might better know the real treasure of your kingdom. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen

Scripture lesson Luke 12:13-21 NT #74

Message: **FUTURE SECURITIES**
Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew

*Hymn *Take My Life* vs 1, 3, 4, 6 #389

*Benediction - **Responsive**

Happy are those who know real treasure and where to find it.

Happy are those who receive God's treasure and share it unselfishly.

Invest your life and your heart in Christ, just as God has invested Christ in you.

Happy are those whose reward is found in heaven, not on earth.

Go now in the name of Christ, God's ultimate gift of love.

Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body or spirit

New or Visiting.....WELCOME.....Please fill out Guest cards located in the pews and place in the offering plate when finished.

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August 4, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew

Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school Class

Classes are listed on back of bulletin

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

MCOB sponsored a table at the Open Table Mix-n-Mingle at Annual Conference. The full sponsorship was \$300 and donations are still welcome. You may put them in the offering plate or give to Lorie.



FOOD PANTRY

Supplies are always needed; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, feminine hygiene items, diapers, toothpaste and all personal hygiene items.

**Ushers: Today Ken & Dalis
August 11th Don & Tom
August 18th Beth M & JoAnn**

Tuesday, August 13th, 2-4pm WOMEN IN COMMUNITY –

A time of sharing, deep listening & being creative together in Bev Short's home. If you plan to attend, please let Bev or Jill know so materials can be planned. If you are able, a donation of \$3-5.00 will cover costs of materials.

August 11, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew

Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school Classes –

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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

If you would like to let friends in our congregation know you are traveling or will be out of town, there is a calendar for you to share that information at the back of the Fellowship Hall beside the door.

Please be assured that the calendar will be in the office during any event with outside people; ie: during the community meal.



“Take a Break Thursday” free community meal at 5:30 pm. Please come and enjoy the meal & fellowship. This is a partnership with Faith Mission of Elkhart. **With health issues among us, vacations and travel, volunteers are badly needed to help with the Thursday meal. Please come at 4:30 if you can help with setup, serving and clean up.**



Your fresh flowers are a welcome addition to the foyer or sanctuary.



September 8th - Mark your calendar!!!

Outdoor worship to include:

Blessing of the backpacks

Blessing of and celebrating our dogs (Dog Days of summer)

Carry in meal (turkey sandwiches provided; bring a side or dessert to share)